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Docket No.: 041-1790E

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
Takayuki SUGAHARA : **RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**  
Serial No. 09/469,499 :  
filed: 22 December 1999 :Prior Group Art Unit: 2613  
:Prior Examiner: LEE, Y YOUNG  
For: REPRODUCTION APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING USER  
MODIFIABLE PROTECTION OF DATA REPRODUCTION (as amended)

**AMENDMENT SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed January 14, 2003, applicant has filed herewith a Request for Continued Examination, along with the appropriate Fee. Upon granting the Request, please amend the application as follows.